

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kazuo SOGA *et al.*

Serial Number: NEW

Filed: January 24, 2002 (herewith)

For: PIPING STRUCTURE OF
CRAWLER DRIVING
HYDRAULIC MOTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 24, 2002

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend of Abstract of the Disclosure to read as follows:

-- The invention provides a piping structure of a crawler driving hydraulic motor able to reduce a reduction in strength of a vehicle body frame and shorten the exposure length of a hydraulic piping in the exterior of the vehicle body frame, and reduce a damage opportunity due to an external obstacle, etc. Therefore, the hydraulic piping is connected from a hydraulic pump arranged within the vehicle body frame to left-hand and right-hand

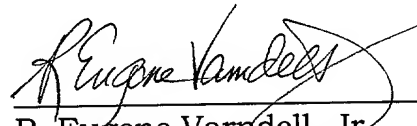
crawler driving hydraulic motors respectively attached to one-end sides of left-hand and right-hand crawler track frames arranged on left-hand and right-hand outsides of the vehicle body frame. The hydraulic piping extends through a frame rear wall constituting the vehicle body frame, and is taken out to the exterior of the vehicle body frame, and is connected to the left-hand and right-hand crawler driving hydraulic motors. --

REMARKS

The Abstract of the Disclosure was amended to be no more than 150 words. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**" Early consideration and allowance of Claims 1-3 are respectfully requested.

In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this application, it is respectfully requested that such fees be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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